

HONORABLE DAVID G ESTUDILLO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

Larisa Popkova DSHS Employee #1, Paula
Brantner-Thomas DSHS Employee #2,
Katherine Rowlette DSHS Employee #3, Karen
Robbins DSHS Employee #4, Gary C. Bright
DSHS Employee #5, on behalf of themselves
and all other similarly situated persons,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH
SERVICES, Don Clintsman and Jilma Meneses
DOES 1-50,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:23-cv-05130

**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER
FOR CONTINUED STAY**

**NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:
APRIL 17, 2024**

On January 11, 2024 (Dkt. #16) and February 14, 2024 (Dkt #18) the parties jointly requested extensions of the class certification briefing schedule to enable the parties to focus their efforts on resolving the class certification issues without Court involvement. In each instance, the Court granted the parties' requests (Dkt. #17, #19). On March 15, 2024, the parties jointly asked the Court to strike the class certification briefing schedule and to stay the action for 30 days while the parties worked toward resolution. (Dkt. #20.) The Court granted that request on March 18, 2024. (Dkt. #21.)

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1 The parties now report that they continue to make progress on resolving the entire action
 2 (not only the class certification issues), but need additional time to confirm terms. Pursuant to LCR
 3 7(j), the parties jointly ask the Court to stay the action for an additional 30 days. At the conclusion
 4 of 30 days, the parties will provide the Court with an additional status report if the parties have not
 5 by that time filed a stipulation of dismissal. The Court has set no other deadlines in this matter, so
 6 no other case deadlines will be affected by this request. This stay will continue to conserve the
 7 resources of the Court and the parties, and will additionally facilitate a resolution of this action.

8 DATED this 17th day of April, 2024.
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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED. This action shall remain stayed for an additional 30 days. On or before the expiration of 30 days following entry of this order, the parties shall file a status report with the Court describing the status of the parties' settlement discussions.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this 19th day of April, 2024.



David G. Estudillo
United States District Judge

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 17th day of April, 2024, at Alexandria, Virginia.

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